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The initial list of suggestions for this position, submitted to Mr. Webb, has been reviewed and the field recanvassed to some extent, although A has not yet been able to make its suggestions. The following list is proposed more or less on the basis of these criteria: (a) ability; (b) neutrality (not obviously associated with State, CIA, or Defense); and (c) possible availability.

Berry Bingham	Louisville Courier Journal
Erwin D. Canham	Christian Science Monitor
Wallace Carroll.....	Winston-Salem Journal
Philip Davison	Rand Corporation
Irving Billiard	St. Louis Post Dispatch
John Dickey.....	Dartmouth College
Sigurd Larson.....	Young & Rubicam
William Nichols.....	This Week Magazine
Byron Price.....	United Nations
James Reston.....	New York Times
Whitney Shepardson	Council on Foreign Relations
Frank Stanton.....	Columbia Broadcasting System
Gordon Wasson	J. P. Morgan Company

We are now pulling together biographic sketches and what evaluation we can find.

Attached for your information is a list suggesting a first priority group -- reflecting only my guess as to consensus of opinion.

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